

Stunning & Stimulating Info #7 Technology & the Battles of 1916

Technological innovations worthy of note:

Machine gun	poison gas
Tank	aviation & strategic bombing
Flamethrower	submarine (U-boot)

Info on Trenches:

Christmas truce of 1914	No man's land
Water & mud	"trench feet"
Lice & "lousy"	

Three Big Offensives of 1916 (w/casualty figures)*

Brusilov campaign (against Austrian Galicia & Bukovina), June – October

Austria: 750,000 casualties

Germany: 350,000 casualties

Russian: 1 million+ casualties

Verdun (initiated by Germany), February – November

France: 377,000 casualties (162,000 killed)

Germany: 337,000 casualties (100,000 killed)

Somme (initiated by Entente), June – November

Germany: 450,000 casualties

Britain: 420,000 casualties

France: 200,000 casualties

Entered the war in 1916:

Greece & Romania

Significant people & other stuff:

Franz Conrad von Hötzendorff	Alexei Brusilov
Erich von Falkenhayn	Paul von Hindenburg
Erich Ludendorff	Joseph Joffre
Robert Nivelle	Henri-Philippe Pétain
Emperor Franz Joseph (d. 1916)	Emperor Karl (r. 1916-1918)
Empress Zita	

* The figures I have encountered vary, so these should be taken as rough approximations.